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5. STATE 005843, 100119 JAN 78 (NOTAL)

1. AFTER FURTHER REVIEW OF WINTEX/CIMEX-79 POLITICAL
SCENARIO PRESENTED IN REF 1, WE SUGGEST THAT POLADS
CONSIDER FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN INTEREST OF GREATER
POLITICAL REALISM AND PLAUSIBILITY.

2. BASIC ASSUMPTIONS AND ORANGE OBJECTIVES, PARA 4:
SINCE CW AGREEMENT IS LIKELY IN NEAR FUTURE, WE
QUESTION WHETHER POSSIBLE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS
BY ORANGE ADDS TO PLAUSIBILITY OF SCENARIO. UNLESS
EXERCISE REQUIREMENTS OF MILITARY AUTHORITIES INDICATE
OTHERWISE, WE WOULD SUGGEST DELETION OF SENTENCE.

3. POLITICAL SETTING:

PARA 2G: WE FIND IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THAT ANY NEWLY
ESTABLISHED ORANGE COALITION LEADERSHIP COMPOSED OF
BOTH TECHNOCRATS AND IDEOLOGUES WOULD SET ITSELF
ON THE MILITANT, AGGRESSIVE COURSE OUTLINED. IF IT
IS DESIRED TO KEEP THE IDEOLOGICAL GOALS POSTULATED
FOR ORANGE INTACT, WE SUGGEST A NEW PARA 2G AS
FOLLOWS:

START TEXT:

"INCREASINGLY ... MAY. A COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP FORMED
THEREAFTER WAS UNABLE TO BALANCE CONFLICTING
POLICY VIEWS AND DEMANDS FROM THE MILITARY, ECONOMIC
PLANNERS, IDEOLOGUES AND PARTY APPARATCHIKS, MAKING
IT IMPOSSIBLE TO DETERMINE POLICY AND DEAL WITH
MOUNTING ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND A PERCEIVED
THREAT THAT THE WEST WOULD SEEK TO EXPLOIT INDECISION
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IN THE KREMLIN. POPULAR UNREST OVER ECONOMIC
DIFFICULTIES BECAME A POSSIBILITY. A GROUP OF
IDEOLOGUES EXPLOITED IN-FIGHTING IN THE LEADERSHIP TO
PLACE HARD-LINERS IN KEY SPOTS, SUCH AS THE KGB
LEADERSHIP. USING INTERNAL FORCE AND COERCION,
INCLUDING ARRESTS OF KEY INDIVIDUALS, THE GROUP OF
IDEOLOGUES MANAGED TO DISPLACE LESS HAWKISH INDIVIDUALS
IN KEY INDUSTRIES, MINISTRIES (INCLUDING THE MFA)
AND, BY MANIPULATING OR IGNORING PARTY PRECEPTS, IN
KEY PARTY POSITIONS. THIS NEW "COALITION," LED
BY AN EXTREME IDEOLOGUE, DETERMINED..." END TEXT.

PARA 2I: WE FIND IT MOST IMPROBABLE, IN A COUNTRY
IN WHICH THE SOVIET REPRESSION OF 1956 REMAINS
VIVIDLY IMPRINTED ON THE NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS,
THAT THE PRIMATE OF HUNGARY WOULD TAKE THE
PRECIPITIOUS ACTION ASCRIBED TO HIM. WE SUGGEST
THAT 2I BE REPLACED WITH SOME OTHER TRIGGERING
EVENT.

PARA 2L: FOR CLARITY AND TO REMOVE THE IMPLICATION
THAT DETENTE AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE ARE SEPARATE

CONCEPTS OR POLICIES, WE WOULD SUGGEST REPLACING
SENTENCE THREE WITH: "THE NUMBER OF COMMENTARIES
AND PRONOUNCEMENTS FAVORING DETENTE AND ON-GOING
ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS DIMINISHED, WHILE A
CONCOMITANT RISE OCCURRED IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS

QUESTIONING WHETHER THE DOCTRINE OF PEACEFUL
COEXISTENCE REMAINED HISTORICALLY CORRECT."

4. WE REALIZE THAT ACCEPTANCE BY POLADS OF PROPOSED
NEW SUBPARA 2G COULD ENTAIL ADDITIONAL ALTERATION
TO POLITICAL SCENARIO.

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